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Applicant: George BURKHARDT et al.

Title: PULLEY

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 713.04 the Applicant hereby submits a statement of substance for the personal interview graciously granted the undersigned by Examiner Marcus Charles on October 8, 2003.

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At the interview, the newly presented claims 45-47 were discussed. It was pointed that newly presented claim 47, in particular, relied upon means plus function language and thus required any structure in the prior art that might be cited/applied, to perform the recited function(s). Examiner Charles responded by indicating that further consideration of the new claims and a search would be necessary before any concrete decision on allowability could be made. He did however, indicate that, on the basis of a previous telephonic interview, the amendments to claim 1 overcame the prior art rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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